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BEST LOCAL SPORTS TEAM

Seaside High Gulls Football

SEASIDE

By GARY HENLEY

Runner-up: Ilwaco High School Fishermen Wrestling

Honorable mention: Astoria High School Fishermen Football

he season ultimately ended with a loss, but that didn't spoil an otherwise record-breaking, record-making year for the Seaside football program.

Right from the start, the Gulls were one of the favorites contending for the 4A state title. The 2018 campaign

began with a 55-13 win over Henley, the team that ended Seaside's 2017 season. The victory was followed by wins over Marist and Gladstone. The 70-46 drubbing of the Gladiators was the first of two wins over Gladstone, Seaside's opponent in the state semifinals.

The Gladiators were



Gary Henley

the Braves were the only

Banks scored a 10-7

team that had Seaside's

win over Seaside in the

regular season, then

In this August 2018 photo, Seaside's Alexander Teubner, No. 2, has a Hit of the Day for the Gulls, as the senior made a hard tackle on Estacada's Gabriel Martinez on a play near the goal line.

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also the only team to defeat Banks during the regular season. But despite Seaside's two solid wins over Gladstone, and Gladstone's win over Banks ... defeated the Gulls 31-20 in the state championship game on a foggy night in Hillsboro.

The Gulls landed six players on the all-state team, including superhero running back Alex Teubner and three of his personal escorts — offensive linemen Travis Fenton, Isaias Jantes and Paxson VanNortwick. Teubner was the

Cowapa League MVP and finished 2018 with 2,420 yards rushing and a remarkable 44 touchdowns. Ouarterback Pav-

ton Westerholm and linebacker Gio Ramirez also received all-state recognition.

Aaron Tanabe will take over as head coach in 2019, after Jeff Roberts who made it known before the season that 2018 would be his final year as coach — stepped down after leading the Gulls to their magical season.

BEST RADIO STATION



Liam Dunne entertains his listeners during his show at Coast Community Radio in Astoria.

KMUN/KTCB/ KCPB Coast Community Radio

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ Runner-up: KLMY Clammy 99.7 FM

Honorable mention: KRKZ Hits 94.3

s of April, KMUN, Coast Community Radio will have been serving up tunes, news and shows to the North Coast community for 36 years.

Changes are ahead, however. The station recently launched a threeyear plan to replace station equipment, a move that will allow programmers to offer more call-in style radio shows and solidify the station's ability to stay on air during an emergency.

The station also plans to

expand its coverage into Tillamook and offer more area-specific content. Coast Community Radio has entered into a partnership with a group in Bay City and will provide equipment and training in an effort to better serve listeners farther down the coast.

"The station has had a strong identity since it was started," said station manager Graham Nystrom. He believes the improvements, rather than altering that identity, will enhance the programs and services already available.

In the coming years, Nystrom hopes to continue to find ways to "open these doors to community access."



